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**H.Res. 1347 - Honoring the workers who perished on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, extending condolences to their families, and recognizing the valiant efforts of emergency response workers at the disaster site**  
*(Melancon, D-LA)*

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 1347 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the untimely and tragic loss of the 11 workers from the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas who died on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana;
- “Extends the deepest condolences of the Nation to the families of these men;
- “Recognizes all employees on the Deepwater Horizon for their hard work and sacrifice;
- “Commends the rescue crews for their valiant efforts to rescue these workers and others on the platform; and
- “Honors the many volunteers who provided support and comfort for the families of these people during this difficult time.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “11 workers tragically died on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform following an explosion on April 20, 2010;

- “The Nation is greatly indebted to offshore workers for the strenuous work they perform to provide the energy that drives our Nation every day;
- “The Nation has long recognized the importance of safety protections for offshore workers who labor in difficult and uncertain conditions;
- “Coast Guard and local rescue crews worked tirelessly night and day in courageous rescue and recovery missions; and
- “Residents of the Gulf Coast and the Nation came together to support these families.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 1347 was introduced on May 11, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no public action.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1073 - Supporting the goals and ideals of RV Centennial  
Celebration Month to recognize and honor 100 years of the  
enjoyment of recreational vehicles in the United States  
(Donnelly, D-IN)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 1073 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of RV Centennial Celebration Month to recognize and honor 100 years of enjoyment of recreational vehicles in the United States; and

- “Encourages the people of the United States to celebrate this anniversary by taking part in recreational vehicle vacations.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “1910 marks the first year of mass-produced, manufactured, motorized campers and camping trailers;
- “1 in 12 households in the United States owns a recreational vehicle, and over 30,000,000 recreational vehicle enthusiasts take part in this affordable and environmentally friendly form of vacationing;
- “This homegrown industry, including recreational vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, dealers, and campgrounds, employs hundreds of thousands of people in the Nation in good-paying jobs across all 50 States; and
- “The 100th anniversary of the introduction of the recreational vehicle into the United States marketplace will be celebrated June 7, 2010, at the RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum in Elkhart, Indiana.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 1073 was introduced on February 4, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no public action.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

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## **H.Res. 1391 - Congratulating and commending Israel for its accession to membership in the organization for Economic Co-operative and Development (Ros-Lehtinen, R-FL)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 1391 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates Israel for its accession to membership in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- “Commends the 31 nations of the OECD, as well as OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría, for recognizing Israel's economic success as well as its commitment to the principles of democratic government and market economy by unanimously electing Israel to OECD membership;
- “Recognizes the importance of the strong role played by the United States in Israel's successful bid for accession to membership in the OECD; and
- “Calls on responsible nations to support efforts by Israel to accede to membership or enhance its participation, as the case may be, in international forums.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Israel first sent an observer delegation to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 1994, and first began actively seeking to join the OECD in 2000, when it met the OECD's membership requirements relating to industrial and per-capita product criteria;
- “Membership in the OECD will likely strengthen the position of Israel in the global economy and within international financial institutions, solidify Israel's transition from an emerging market to an advanced economy, and encourage increased foreign direct investment in Israel;
- “On November 8, 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Res. 38, and on May 3, 2007, the Senate by unanimous consent adopted S. Res. 188, in support of Israel's accession to membership in the OECD;
- “On May 10, 2010, the 31 OECD member states unanimously agreed to invite Israel to become a member of that organization, with the OECD noting in a statement that ‘Israel's scientific and technological policies have produced outstanding outcomes on a world scale.’ and
- “Israel will be welcomed into the OECD during the annual meeting of that organization's ministerial council on May 27, 2010, and will fully accede to membership once it passes the requisite enacting legislation, a process that is likely to be completed within months.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 1391 was introduced on May 25, 2010 and was referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution does not authorize additional expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

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